

The Semi-Weekly Messenger.

VOL XLI NO. 23

WILMINGTON, N. C. SEPTEMBER 27, 1907

\$1.00 PER YEAR

HATCH CONSPIRACY

To Start Revolutionary Movement In Cuba

FINANCED IN NEW YORK

Number of Suspicious Persons Have Been Shadowed

There is said to be no ground for apprehension—No truth in report that merchants held meeting for purpose of informing the world of the actual situation in Cuba—Have Not Been Arrested.

Havana, Sept. 25.—A conspiracy to start a revolutionary movement in Cuba has been discovered. Under instructions issued by Governor Magoon, a number of suspicious persons believed to be connected with the conspiracy have been shadowed for several days past.

It is now believed that the movement is backed by New York capitalists.

Governor Magoon has been aware for several days past that certain individuals were conspiring against the government but he did not attach to the matter much importance, owing to the fact that these persons were under constant surveillance and the Cuban rural and the American forces in the island had been so assigned as to be able to crush any such movement in a few hours.

The fact that Governor Magoon was cognizant of the conspiracy and the movements of the agitators seems to have served to suppress the threatened outbreak and advices received by the government tonight from all the provinces show that there is no ground at all for apprehension. A report was current here tonight that a number of local merchants had met for the purpose of informing the world of the actual situation in Cuba.

Careful investigation proved this rumor to be absolutely untrue. No such meeting was held, nor has the report of a possible railroad strike any connection with this conspiracy.

Neither is there any connection between the conspiracy and Governor Magoon's recent attitude toward the striking cigar makers.

It is a fact that certain parties here have been conspiring for the purpose of starting a revolution simultaneously in the extreme eastern and the extreme western provinces of Cuba, and members of the secret police have been shadowing a number of Cubans, prominent politically, or who had taken leading parts in the two revolutionary outbreaks. These individuals were not molested for several reasons, one being the fact that they were seemingly well supplied with money which they were distributing in the provinces where they were working for recruits to their movement, and the government was anxious to locate the source from whence this money came. This was a complete mystery.

A further reason for permitting the suspects to remain at liberty has been the difficulty in proving the conspiracy charged and the fact that the government wanted to give the conspirators plenty of rope to hang themselves.

If by any chance the revolutionary movement had started, the rural guards, backed by the American forces in the island, would have crushed it in its inception.

There is reason to believe that this conspiracy has been going on for several weeks past. The recent miniature killings near Santiago and Camaguey were due to no great enthusiasm on the part of some of the partisans in the movement, who failed to await the signal from the chiefs in Havana.

It is declared that Maso Parra, a native born Cuban, was to have been the leader of the activity. Parra is known to have lead several Latin-American revolutions in the past. He tried to return to Cuba after being exiled 2 years ago, but the Palma administration feared that his purpose in returning was to organize a revolution and would not permit him to land. Parra landed in Cuba several weeks ago and no objection to his coming was made. Considering his previous record and that the Palma administration had opposed his landing the fact that he was permitted to return now was commented upon at the time as remarkable. It is persistently stated here that the money to finance this revolution was furnished from Wall street. There are reports current that a certain American who was

in Cuba recently and spent four days in Havana, is connected with the conspiracy. The movements of this man were mysterious. No matter who is behind this attempt, Governor Magoon is prepared to stamp it out immediately.

There is every occasion to believe that not more than one general or other prominent officer who was a party to the pact with Secretary Taft at the conclusion of the last revolution is connected with the conspiracy. General Pino Guerra, General Jose Miguel Gomez and the other Cubans who led the revolution against former President Palma are earnestly opposed to this movement and stand ready to take the field with the government forces should an outbreak actually occur. The loyalty of these men being established the present movement is necessarily without a single intelligent or capable leader.

It is not considered that Parra would be able to influence any numerous element to follow him, because, in spite of the fact that he has a certain recognized ability as a revolutionary agitator, he deserted the Cuban insurgents during the war with Spain and joined the Spaniards against his own countrymen.

All the prominent men in Cuba still have the utmost confidence in President Roosevelt, Secretary Taft and Governor Magoon, and this fact robs the present movement of any far-reaching or influential support.

LEASED WIRE OPERATORS

May be Called Out by National Officers of Telegraphers Union
New York, September 25.—The New York local of the Commercial Telegraphers' union voted tonight to call out all leased wire operators employed by the press and brokers offices in this city, if such action shall be sanctioned by the National officers. Action by the National officers will be awaited before anything further is done.

It was voted also to ask the national officers to issue a call for the brokers and press telegraphers throughout the country to quit work. The demand upon the men who are now working under contract is made in the interests of those who struck against the Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies.

Fertilizer Men Will Appeal

Norfolk, Va., September 25.—In the general court today before Judge Waddill, F. S. Royster and Charles F. Burroughs, guano men of Norfolk, cited as defendants in the fertilizer trust case to be heard in Nashville, Tenn., waived further hearing as to whether or not they should be removed to the jurisdiction of the Tennessee court and each gave bond in the sum of \$5,000 for appearance.

Immediately upon Attorney General Sanford, of Nashville, submitting certified copies of the federal grand jury indictments in the Tennessee court, counsel for the defendants announced that their clients would submit no evidence, and were ready to enter in bond to appear for trial in Tennessee. Counsel for the defendants at the close of the hearing declared that they were anxious for a speedy trial and are confident of acquittal.

Miss Virginia Lee Married

Alexandria, Va., September 25.—Miss Virginia Lee, daughter of the late General Fitzhugh Lee, was married here today to Lieutenant John Carter Montgomery, 70th United States cavalry. The ceremony took place in Christ church and was performed by Rev. Dr. Morton, pastor of the church. Miss Lee was given in marriage by her brother, Captain Fitzhugh Lee, U. S. A.

Hattiesburg, Miss., September 25.—G. M. Kennedy, a lumber man who arrived here tonight from McLaurens, Miss., where six negroes were reported killed today said that the report is untrue; that he was today at the mill where the trouble was alleged to have occurred and that everything was quiet there. Several days ago, he said, all negro laborers were driven away from the lumber mills near McLaurens, but that no one was hurt.

Ordered Back to Europe

Washington, September 25.—Paula Klippenberg, the Vienna actress who has been under bond at New York for about two months awaiting the decision as to whether she should be deported or not was ordered today by the department of commerce and labor to be sent back to Europe.

Root Leaves to Visit Diaz

Washington, September 25.—Secretary Root left at 3.40 o'clock this afternoon to visit President Diaz of Mexico. He traveled in the private car Signet attached to the regular Pennsylvania train. Accompanying him were Mrs. Root, Miss Root, Percival Gassett, private secretary for this occasion and two servants.

Lipton's Challenge Declined

New York, September 25.—The New York Yacht Club at a meeting tonight declined the challenge of Sir Thomas Lipton for a race for the America's cup next year.

THE OIL HEARING

Interesting Evidence Given in Federal Court

PIPE LINES TO COMBINE

Tariffs Were Fixed at Unionville and Center Bridge

Evidence of Calvin M. Payne, Vice President of the National Transit Company—Effort to Show That Independents Were Cut Off From Sending Oil to the Seaboard—Control of Corsicana Refining Company Inquired Into.

New York, September 5.—Some interesting evidence that lay almost hidden in a voluminous schedule of oil tariffs submitted to the inter-state commerce commission by the Standard Oil Company was unfolded today at the hearing of the federal suit against the so-called oil trust, when Calvin M. Payne, vice president of the National Transit Company, took the witness stand to tell about the various pipe lines of the oil combine, over which he has general supervision. The schedule shows that tariffs for the transportation of crude oil by the Standard's pipe lines are fixed at Unionville, which is the state line between New York and New Jersey, and Center Bridge which is located on the New Jersey-Pennsylvania state line.

The government's counsel further developed that at Unionville the pipes of the National Company carrying oil to Olean, N. Y., and other western points, in concert with the line of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, and that at Center Bridge the pipe line carrying the oils of the Sureka Pipe Line Company, the Buckeye Pipe Line Company, the Southern Pennsylvania Pipe Line Company and the National Transit Company from Lima, Ohio, to the seaboard, connects with the pipe line of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey. Mr. Payne said that as the lines of these companies ended at Unionville, and Center Bridge, the tariff schedules were fixed for those points. Mr. Kellogg sought to show that no independent could send oil to seaboard over those lines because rates could not be obtained from those points to seaboard. Mr. Kellogg said the Standard would not publish rates on its line through New Jersey and as a consequence independents were shut off from tidewater.

The control of the Corsicana Refining Company of Texas, which the government, in its bill of complaint, alleges is really owned by the Standard, was inquired into today and the government's counsel believes that he obtained today from Henry C. Folger, Jr., and Calvin M. Payne, two of the witnesses, testimony in support of the government's contention.

The oil hearings will be adjourned after Friday over the early part of next week to permit John G. Milburn counsel for the defendants to attend the unveiling of the McKinley monument in Canton, Ohio.

SUPREME COURT DECISIONS

Opinions Filed Yesterday—Lumber Company vs. Rowe From New Hanover Dismissed.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., September 25.—Opinions handed down by the supreme court today were as follows: Davis vs. A. C. L. railroad, from Halifax, no error; Midyette vs. Grubbs, from Northampton, affirmed; Smith vs. Norfolk and Southern Railroad Company, from Craven, error; Strickland vs. Perkins, from Franklin, no error; Stout vs. Grimes, from Nash, per curiam, affirmed; Everett vs. Williams, from Martin, dismissed for failure to print record; motion of appellant to reinstate Grimes vs. Bryan, from Edgecombe, per curiam, new trial for newly discovered evidence; Norfleet vs. Oil Company, from Edgecombe, per curiam, affirmed; Reams vs. Morton, from Craven, per curiam, affirmed; Lumber Company vs. Rowe, from New Hanover, dismissed under rule 17; Chemical Company vs. Grocery Company, from Vance, per curiam, affirmed; City of Kinston vs. Lottin, from Lenoir, dismissed under rule 17.

Bank Chartered

(Special to The Messenger.)
Raleigh, N. C., September 25.—Merchants and Farmers Bank of Mooresville, was chartered today, capital stock \$125,000.

TWO TRAINS IN COLLISION.

Special Train Telescoped by Express—No one was Killed and Only a Few Injured.

Paris, September 25.—The rear coach of second section of the special train carrying 150 first class passengers from Paris to Cherbourg to embark on the White Star Line steamer Adriatic for New York, was telescoped today by the regular Rouen express at the mouth of the Breval tunnel just beyond Mantes. Strangely no one was killed, and according to the latest authentic information, no one was seriously injured. All the passengers, in the last coach, however, were badly shaken up and seven or eight were injured. A man sustained a fractured leg and a woman, it is feared, suffered internal injuries. All the injured American passengers, with the exception of one, continued on their way to Cherbourg.

The officers of the railroad and the White Star Line in Paris were besieged this afternoon with inquiries for details but they could supply no definite news regarding the extent of the injuries. All accounts, however, agree that at the outside not more than ten passengers on the special were hurt, and that their injuries were not great. The only thing to be had at the office of the steamship company was a list of the passengers in the coach that was telescoped.

The collision was due to the negligence of the crew of the special in failing to place either lights or torpedoes on the track behind the train, as required by the regulations when a train halts in a tunnel.

The train taking passengers to Cherbourg for embarkation on the North German steamer Kron Prinz Wilhelm which was following the train having on board the Adriatic's passengers, proceeded to her destination by another route.

The Rouen train had only French passengers on board. Several cars of this train left the track and nineteen of its passengers were injured, one fatally.

On account of the large passenger list of home going Americans, the Adriatic special was run in two sections. The first carried one hundred first class passengers and the second class baggage. It had cleared the tunnel, which is 800 yards long, when it came to a stop.

The second section, which was a few minutes behind the first, was stopped by a block signal as it emerged from the tunnel. This was the situation when the Rouen express came along on the heels of the second section, running fifty miles an hour.

There was an awful panic and the smoke and the darkness immediately after the collision but the American passengers soon recovered themselves and became the leaders in the work of rescue.

THE EXPOSITION ROW.

The Social Feature Still a Bone of Contention.

Norfolk, Va., September 25.—While it is believed that the revival of the committee on entertainment to have charge of all social events at the Jamestown exposition will be accepted by both Director General Barr and President Harry S. George Tucker, it is freely admitted today that the settlement of the social differences is yet to be finally consummated.

Director General Barr is out of the city. President Tucker declined to discuss the matter today, declaring that he had yet to be acquainted with the full meaning of the action of the directors.

The feeling is general that the compromise measure will not be entirely satisfactory to either side, but those engineering the settlement are confident that sufficient pressure can be brought to bear on both officials to secure their acceptance and restore peace.

TO PURCHASE "STRATFORD"

Resolutions Adopted by the Patriotic Sons of America.

Richmond, Va., Sept. 25.—The Patriotic Sons in session here today elected officers.

Chattanooga was chosen as the next place of meeting.

By a unanimous vote it was decided to purchase "Stratford" the estate of the Lees in Westmoreland county, Virginia, and to request the president of the United States to allow visitors within the grounds of Mount Vernon without paying a fee.

A committee was appointed to erect a monument to Past National President F. E. Steers, formerly of Pennsylvania. The body adjourned tonight.

Tomorrow the members will go to the Jamestown exposition.

To Hunt on the Ransdell Plantation.

Burlington, Iowa, September 25.—Congressman Joseph Ransdell, of Louisiana, who is the guest of Thomas Wilkinson tonight said that President Roosevelt's bear hunt would take place on the Ransdell plantation near Lake Providence, Louisiana.

MRS. THOS. R. PURNELL DEAD

End Came at Richmond Hospital Tuesday Night

Deceased Had Visited Wilmington Often and Had Many Friends in This City—Funeral Will Be Held in Raleigh Today.

The sad news of the death of Mrs. Thos. R. Purnell, wife of Judge Purnell of the United States circuit court was received in the city yesterday, the end having come at Dr. Stuart McGuire's hospital in Richmond, Va., on Tuesday night. Mrs. Purnell had been in poor health for several months past, but it was not known by friends in this city that her condition was precarious. The deceased had visited this city frequently with her husband and for several summers past she has spent some time at Wrightsville Beach. Her friends will be sincerely grieved to hear of her demise and the sympathy of many friends will go out to the bereaved family.

Mrs. Purnell before her marriage, was Miss Delia Zeverly of Salem, a daughter of the late Dr. Zeverly, a prominent physician of that town. She leaves one sister there, Miss Mary Zeverly. The deceased is also survived by her husband and four children, these being: Mrs. John McKee, of Raleigh, Mrs. Drewry, wife of Dr. Drewry of Norfolk, and Mrs. Robert Ridley of Richmond, and Mr. James Purnell of Raleigh.

The remains were taken from Richmond yesterday to Raleigh, the former home of the deceased, and the interment will be made there today.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., September 25.—The remains of Mrs. Purnell reached here this evening, with them being her husband and son-in-law, Dr. Herbert R. Drewry, of Norfolk. Her three daughters, Mrs. John S. McKee of Raleigh, Mrs. Herbert Drewry and Mrs. Robert Ridley, and her son, James Purnell, are here. Her death followed an operation. She was taken to Richmond on Monday by Judge Purnell. She was a devoted member of the Church of the Good Shepherd at Raleigh. A number of relatives from Salem will attend the funeral tomorrow.

CHURCH CORNER STONE LAID.

Impressive Exercises—Increase in Mill Wages—Wanted For Forgery—Fayetteville Girl Wins.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Fayetteville, Sept. 25.—This afternoon at 5 o'clock the corner stone of the new Hay Street Methodist church was laid with interesting exercises, conducted by Rev. Dr. J. T. Gibbs, presiding elder of the Fayetteville district, opening with the hymn, "Come Thou, Almighty King." After Bible reading by Rev. G. F. Smith, pastor of Hay Street church, various articles were placed in a box by Mr. Hiram Whaley, who attended the first and the last services in the old building. The corner stone was then laid, followed by brief addresses from Rev. I. W. Hughes, rector of St. John's Episcopal church; Rev. Dr. J. J. Hall, pastor of the First Baptist church; Rev. W. M. Fairley, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, and Rev. J. T. Gibbs.

The operatives of the four cotton factories of the Hope Mills Manufacturing Co., on Rock Fish creek, have received an advance in wages of from 10 to 15 per cent, beginning yesterday. This increase of earnings will favorably affect from 2,000 to 2,500 people, including the families of the employees.

Yesterday afternoon Chief of Police Benton, arrested in a restaurant Ed Mock, alias C. A. McFadden, a negro, charged with forgery on the Merchants and Farmers Bank of Cheraw, S. C.

The Woman's Civic Improvement Association, report that they have enough funds to complete the repair and renovation of the market house, and will now rent and embellish the old town hall for a library, assembly room, etc. Tomorrow afternoon and evening they will give an entertainment on the ground floor of the market, serving refreshments in the corridors and around the fountain.

Miss Celia Myrover Robinson, now of Pensacola, Fla., a native of Fayetteville, and daughter of the late Captain Ben Robinson a very brave confederate veteran, has won the \$25 prize of the Tallahassee Sun, for the best short story. Miss Robinson's poems have been published in such magazines as Harper's, Munsey's, etc. Two or three years ago she was the Fayetteville society correspondent of the Wilmington Messenger, and was for some time city editor of the Fayetteville Daily Observer.

Miss Augusta Wiggins has returned to Wilmington, after a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Steadman, on Hay street.

DENIES STATEMENT

Geo. B. Crater of The Raleigh Evening Times.

ON PAYMENT OF \$6,000

To Jno. C. Drewry President of the Times Publishing Co.

Says Statement That He Said That the Times Received None of the Money is a Malicious Falshood—Governor Russell Speaks of the Pilotage Bill. Governor Offers Reward for Murderers.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., September 25.—It was Clerk Henry Clay Brown of the corporation commission who discovered at Washington, in the Southern railway's books the record of the vouchers covering payments of \$6,000 to President John C. Drewry of the Raleigh Evening Times Company. This is the matter which is now so much talked about here. The Times published an extra this afternoon in which a statement, signed by the secretary and treasurer, and publisher George B. Crater, is made, saying the statement that he had said the Evening Times had received none of the money was a malicious falsehood. He added that he was prepared to swear that Mr. Drewry had never used a cent of any money paid to the Evening Times, the Visitor-Press Publishing Company, or to himself as the president of the latter company for himself in any manner politically or otherwise, and that not a cent of it went to Mr. Drewry for the latter's individual use in any way.

Among today's visitors was ex-Governor D. L. Russell, who in the supreme court argued the case, which comes up from New Hanover involving the constitutionality of the act of the last legislature which, to a large degree, restored the old pilotage law. The merchants of Wilmington, the ex-governor said, were fighting the new law on the ground that it was a burden upon the commerce of the port.

Governor Glenn offers a reward of \$100 each for M. F. Minshew, aged 40 years, and L. L. Savage, aged 37 years, who are charged with going, on the night of August 14, to the tobacco barn of Ellis Merritt, colored, and while he was at work there, creeping up behind him and almost entirely blowing off his head, using a shot gun. The sheriff urged the governor to offer a liberal reward for these men who have probably fled to Virginia.

It was published today in a telegram from Washington that Chief Justice Clark, of this state, had in a special article in The Independent Magazine, declared the United States supreme court to be an unconstitutional body. Judge Clark said to your correspondent that he had written no article for the Independent, but that what was sent out from Washington was merely quotations from an address which, eighteen months ago, he had delivered at the University of Pennsylvania; that this had been published in a great many papers in the country and had been widely distributed in pamphlet form directly after its delivery.

The Seaboard Air Line today received five new high powered passenger engines without side-valve gears. Thirty more freight engines of a very heavy type are to arrive.

A pardon is granted Drury Streeter, who last year was convicted of assault with a deadly weapon and sentenced to eighteen months on the public roads in Richmond county. The governor says it is a serious assault and that the man ought not to be pardoned, but for the fact that since his confinement consumption has developed that two reputable physicians certify that he will die if confined or kept on the chain gang and that in any event he is doomed to early death, pardon is granted for this reason and not on account of the feeling that his punishment is excessive.

A RACE RIOT

Report of Serious Conflict Between the Races in Mississippi

Hattiesburg, Miss., September 25.—Reports reached here this afternoon of a race riot near McLaurens station, fifteen miles southeast of Hattiesburg on the Gulf and Ship Island road. Six negroes are said to have been killed and there is danger of further outbreak.